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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 1113
Gary Karlin Michelson)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.: 10/692,545)	Examiner: Uyen T. Ho
Filed: October 24, 2003)	
For: SYSTEM FOR RADIAL BONE)	Issue Fee paid: April 18, 2006
DISPLACEMENT)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application.

The present application is a continuation of Serial No. 09/626,636, filed July 27, 2000; which is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/484,927, filed June 7, 1995; now U.S. Patent No. 6,096,038 (the "038 patent").

Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention that the '038 patent was the subject of litigation in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Civil Action No. C06-02559 (MEJ), hereinafter referred to as Litigation 4. The claims of the '038 patent are generally directed to instruments used in spinal surgery and for preparing adjacent vertebrae to receive an implant and/or inserting an implant. In Litigation 4, the defendant asserted that two references were pertinent to the issue of validity of claim 47 of the '038 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant notes for the Examiner on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the column for the Examiner's initials the references identified by the defendant in Litigation 4 as being allegedly pertinent to claim 47 of the '038 patent by the designation "Lit. 4."

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention for a determination of double patenting that U.S. Patent No. 5,423,842, listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, has the same inventive entity as the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,867,932	2/1975	Huene			
	4,362,161	12/1982	Reimels et al.			
Lit. 4	5,029,573	7/1991	Chow			
	5,183,471	2/1993	Wilk			
	5,242,443	9/1993	Kambin			
	5,269,772	12/1993	Wilk			
	5,395,317	3/1995	Kambin			
Lit. 4	5,423,842	6/1995	Michelson			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION (YES/NO)
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